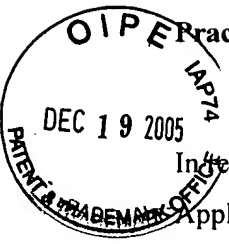


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted:
  - i. Prior to abandonment of the application

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### ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith is an amendment.

#### FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of other than small entity.

Continued Prosecution Request Fee: 790.00

#### FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	11	— 20	= 0	x \$ 50.00	= \$ 0.00
INDEP.	2	— 3	= 0	x \$ 200.00	= \$ 0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM				+ \$ 360.00	= \$ 0.00
				TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	\$ 0.00

No additional fee for claims is required.

#### EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for one-month:

Fee: \$120.00

### TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (Section 1.17(e))	\$790.00
Fee(s) for additional claims (Section 1.16(b)-(d))	\$0.00
Extension of time fee (Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4))	\$120.00
Total Fee(s) Due:	\$910.00

### PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

8. Please pay the fee(s) for this continued examination application as follows:

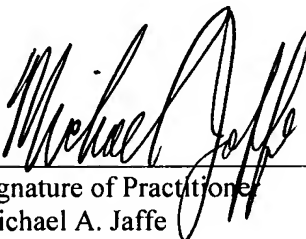
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